



12 Days Itinerary

# Sun-Kissed Odyssey: Exploring Athens and the Greek Isles

Day 1	Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens (5 Nights)
Day 2	Half Day Athens City Tour Including Acropolis & Acropolis Museum
Day 3	Full Day Argolis Tour
Day 4	Full Day Delphi Tour
Day 5	Half Day Athens Private Guided Walking Food Tour
Day 6	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 1 - Sounion
Day 7	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 2 - Mykonos
Day 8	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 3 - Mykonos & Paros
Day 9	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 4 - Santorini
Day 10	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 5 - Milos
Day 11	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 6 - Sifnos
Day 12	Suncoco Yacht Charter - Day 7 - Hydra



# 5 Nights

#### Duration

For nearly 140 years, the Hotel Grande Bretagne has been recognized as the "Royal Box" of Athens. Occupying the most prestigious block of the city's center, the Hotel Grande Bretagne stands across from Constitution Square, the House of Parliament and the National Gardens. Ideally located within short walking distance of exclusive shopping areas, restaurants, open-air cafes, museums and the business district, the hotel has hosted countless heads of state and international celebrities. Located within walking distance of the Acropolis, Hotel Grande Bretagne indulges guests with deluxe guestrooms and suites, two distinctive restaurants, two swimming pools and the multi-awarded GB Spa.

#### Amenities

Preferred Partner Amenities:

- Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- Daily Buffet breakfast for up to two guests per bedroom, served in the restaurant
- Complimentary lunch or dinner for up to 2 guests per room, once during stay, excluding alcohol, taxes & grat. (min. value of \$100 and 3-courses)
- Early Check-In / Late Check-Out, subject to availability
- Complimentary Wi-Fi



Today you will have a half day guided tour of Athens. This tour perfectly combines the city's highlights: the city center, the Acropolis and the New Acropolis museum. Your private VIP licensed guide will meet you at your hotel and start with an introduction about the city and its history. A luxury car will transfer you through Syntagma Square and see Parliament, and guards in front of the monument of the Unknown Soldier. Stop in front of the Panathenaic Stadium. Then drive up to Lycabettus hill and enjoy a panoramic view of Athens. Continue downhill to University street and see the Academy, University and National Library. On the way to the Acropolis see the National Gardens and the surviving columns of the Zeus Temple and Hadrian's Arch. You will be dropped at the foot of the Acropolis. As you begin to ascend the Acropolis hill, a breathtaking view of the city below will unfold. Then you will visit the New Acropolis Museum situated within 10 minutes walking distance from Acropolis Hill. The tour ends at the New Acropolis Museum.

# Day 3



You leave Athens westwards and you take a scenic drive, along the coastal road of the Saronic Gulf. You reach the Corinth Canal where you make a short stop for refreshments and also to admire the Canal which connects the two Greek Seas -The Aegean and the Ionian Sea. Afterwards we head to the Homeric city of Mycenae where you visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, and the Royal Mycenaean Tombs. Third stop is Nafplion, the picturesque first capital of the Modern Greek State, nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress. After a 40-minute drive we will reach the ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, one of the best preserved classical Greek buildings still used today and famous for its astonishing acoustics.



Today you will enjoy a Full Day tour of Delph. You will arrive at Delphi at around noon after having taken a scenic drive through mountains and fertile valleys of olive groves and cotton fields and pass traditional towns such as Levadia and Arachova enjoying breathtaking views of the Greek countryside. In the town of Levadia there will be a stop of half an hour for refreshments. Your professional licensed tour guide will give you a guided tour of the archaeological site and the museum of Delphi. Thus you will be introduced to the history of one of the most significant archaeological sites of all antiquity considered by the ancient Greeks to be the navel of the earth. You will see monuments such as the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, the Temple of Apollo, the Navel of the Earth, the Sacred Way, the Apollo Temple and many more. In the Museum of Delphi you will admire unique treasures such as the world famous bronze Charioteer, the Naxian Sphinx and the Statue of Antinoos and many other masterpieces of classical Greek art.

### Day 5



Today you will have a Half Day Food Tour in Athens. Get to know the wonderful ingredients of the Mediterranean cuisine; the herbs, the fresh vegetables, the choice of meats and the procedure on how to prepare a traditional Greek dinner and impress

your guests when you get back home. The best part is when you get to enjoy the meal you have helped to prepare with a glass of wine.

Day 6



About one hour into your cruise you will make a stop at the bay of Sounion. Here you will have the unique opportunity to stop for a swim or even lunch, while have the Temple of Poseidon in your view.

Once you have had enough you will continue cruising into the Aegean. You may choose to go directly to Mykonos which is about a 4-hour cruise, or you may choose to first visit one of the other islands on the way there (Kythnos, Syros or Tinos) to spend one night before heading over to Mykonos the next morning.

Day 7



Today you will spend your day on the island of Mykonos. The south shore of the island is filled with some of the best beaches in all of Greece. You may choose to spend your time at those beaches and their beach clubs and restaurants or you may choose to head to the island of Delos which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is only a 20 minute cruise from Mykonos.

## Day 8



Today you will spend your day on the island of Paros. Paros is a very short cruise, about one hour, from Mykonos. While in Paros you will definitely need to check out the main town of Paroikia where you can visit the 5th century AD church of Panagia Ekantopiliani. The other town not to be missed in Naousa where you should definitely go ashore in the evening and have dinner at Tsahpinis.

Day 9



Today you will be leaving Paros and cruising to Santorini. There is really nothing that can prepare you for the beauty and uniqueness of Santorini. You can only understand when you arrive below its towering cliffs. There are really so many things to see and do Santorini including: a wine tour to some of the islands top wineries, a visit to the archaeological site of Akrotiri, even hiking along the Cliffside, or watching the sunset from the town of Oia.

## Day 10



Milos is most famous for its peculiar rock formations all along its coast which are a result of the rich minerals the island has. You will spend most of the day cruising around the island and also visiting the small neighboring island of Kimolos which is similar but smaller. While the island's coast can compete with that of any other island in the Cyclades the villages of the island are not as charming.

### Day 11



From Milos, you will continue your cruise to the island of Sifnos. Not as visited as the other islands this is a great island to explore the inland and the capital of the island, Apolonia. The island is well known for its ceramics so this might be a good stop for some souvenirs.



Today you will be leaving the Cycladic Island Complex to start your cruise back to Athens. You will have the opportunity to visit one more island and that island should be Hydra. A true gem close to Athens and totally different from everything else you will have seen on this trip. Hydra has no cars whatsoever and it a very authentic example of what Greece was more than 50 years ago. Enjoy a stroll in its cobblestone streets and have a seat at one of its waterfront cafes or restaurants.